

What began for the United States as an effort to protect our troops abroad and citizens here at home has become for us a larger global health objective.

In the last decade we have seen a renewed commitment by the United States, international organizations, and private foundations to eliminate all malaria deaths. The effort received a notable boost in 2007 when Bill and Melinda Gates renewed the challenge of worldwide malaria eradication.

While much progress has been made in combating malaria, as we have seen from past eradication efforts, malaria can resurge when treatment becomes ineffective through drug resistance. While the global commitment remains to beat this disease, and to beat it as soon as possible, the stakes are too high to bet it all on doing so before the tools we have lose their impact.

At yesterday's hearing the subcommittee received an update on the progress toward malaria elimination in the most endemic countries with a focus on the vitality and effectiveness of the treatment component. The hearing examined the future of anti-malarial drug and vaccine development, and challenges in ensuring an adequate supply of effective medicines. We also heard about the continued availability, affordability, and safe distribution of quality anti-malarial medicines.

Our distinguished witnesses explored means for achieving the immediate goal of saving lives, and the ultimate goal of eradicating malaria from our world.

A TRIBUTE TO IRIS ROBERTSON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Iris Robertson for her contributions to her community in the role of mentor, educator and community coordinator.

Mrs. Robertson was taught at an early age to treat people with respect and integrity, and to approach any task with rigor and importance. Her mother and grandmother instilled this discipline upon her. These pillars allow her to impact the community in a positive way through growth and development.

Mrs. Robertson devotes herself to several charitable and educational organizations and sits on the board of directors for Brownville Heritage House Inc. (BHH) as secretary. Since joining BHH in 1995, Mrs. Robertson and her fellow board members worked tirelessly to bring forth the vision of founder Mother Rosetta Gaston to form an intergenerational exchange in order to teach African American children of their heritage.

Mrs. Robertson is a member of and has been recognized by the National Association of Professional Women (NAPW) as Woman of the Year for 2009, 2010, and 2011 for excellence and proficiency in her work as an advertising executive. She has also received high achievement award from the National Association of Hispanic Publishers in 1994 for her work with AT&T.

Working in the advertising industry for more than 30 years, she currently holds the position of media supervisor at UniWorld Group Inc, a multicultural agency owned by Mr. Byron

Lewis Sr. In this capacity, Mrs. Robertson has had the privilege of working with fortune 500 companies, recommending media strategies that best showcase their products.

In 1965, Mrs. Robertson met and married her husband Larry Robertson. She is the proud mother of six children. She attended New York City School of Technology and is currently enrolled at Kaplan University.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Mrs. Iris Robertson.

A TRIBUTE TO KITTY O'NEAL ON THE OCCASION OF BEING NAMED PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE CARMICHAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kitty O'Neal on being named Person of the Year by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce.

Over the last 20 years, Sacramentans have known Kitty as the voice of our afternoon radio. With exceptional class and professionalism, Kitty has given us the news on our drive home from work, anchoring the award winning KFBK Afternoon News. As an ambassador of Sacramento, she has represented us at the Grammy Awards, Academy Awards and on national programs such as A&E Channel's Biography.

Those of us who live in the region know Kitty as more than simply the voice coming through our speakers; she is a pillar within the Sacramento community. Her roots run deep there as she donates much of her time and talent to community events and charitable organizations. Growing up, Kitty's father was the Base Commander at Mather AFB in the 1970's, and before embarking on her path in radio, Kitty attended Sacramento State graduating with a degree in Communications. Along with being one of the Sacramento region's most notable figures, Kitty is married to restaurateur Kurt Spataro, and together they are partners in several well known Sacramento area restaurants.

If you have ever dined, listened to Sacramento radio or have been involved in our surrounding community, more than likely you have benefited from Kitty's legacy. The Carmichael Chamber couldn't have chosen a better person to recognize and again it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Kitty O'Neal on her achievements and recognition as Person of the Year by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF GEORGIA FAYE BAKER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Georgia Faye Baker who passed away on November 24, 2011 at

the age of 95. Georgia was a loyal friend, loving mother, and respected community leader who touched the lives of many in the great San Joaquin Valley. Georgia was born on March 30, 1916 to James and Susan Herd in Ozark County, Missouri.

Georgia made her way to Madera, California in 1938, where she quickly became an icon and a source of inspiration due to her involvement in the community. On April 14, 1946, Georgia married Aubrey Baker, the love of her life. Together they worked on several projects to improve the quality of life in Madera, the place they called home. They were married for 55 years until his passing in 2001.

Through her leadership and willingness to serve, Georgia became a role model for her friends and neighbors. For 33 years, she was a committed and reliable member of the Madera Community Hospital Board. Her membership demonstrated her dedication to fostering and preserving the health and safety of residents throughout Central California, and her compassion and concern for our community served as a testament to her extraordinary character.

A principled and engaged citizen, Georgia was very active in local, state, and national elections. She served on a number of state committees and boards, including the Madera County Fair Board. In addition, Georgia was also an energetic member of the Democratic Party. In 1960, her wisdom and capability allowed her the opportunity to campaign with President John F. Kennedy during his bid for the presidency.

In 1991, the State of California honored her strength of character and zest for life when she was recognized as "Woman of the Year."

A generous and graceful woman, Georgia was a faithful parishioner at the Madera Trinity Episcopal Church and would often be seen attending weekly services at the historic site. Her long-lasting participation in our community and commitment to the well-being of future generations will ensure that her legacy lives on for years to come.

Georgia lived an exemplary life and will undoubtedly be missed by many. She is survived by her daughter, Claudia Steinauer; her sister, Mable Russell; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Georgia Faye Baker, a beloved leader and true champion for the people of Central California.

TRIBUTE TO THE HAZARD HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM 2011

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 2011 Hazard High School Football Team, who captured the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Class 1-A State Championship Title for the first time in history. This group of student-athletes should be proud of this remarkable achievement and I am honored to recognize them as champions.

The State Championship title has been a highly coveted achievement for the Hazard